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Information from Wyoming as referenced on our cooperating agency call today.

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From: Daniel Thompson <daniel.thompson@wyo.gov>
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This was the type of information I was referencing in our annual reports if it would be beneficial.

In 2020, wolves were responsible for killing or injuring 74 head of livestock in the WTGMA and Seasonal WTGMA (Figure 15; Tables 1 and 5). Livestock confirmed to have been killed or injured by wolves included 51 cattle (41 calves and 10 cows/yearlings), 12 sheep, 1 dog, and 10 chickens (Figure 15; Tables 1 and 5). The total number of wolf-livestock conflicts in 2020 was higher compared to 2019 largely due to increased sheep and chicken depredations. The number of

cattle killed by wolves was similar to the two previous years (Figure 15; Table 5). Management actions included collaring wolves, intensive monitoring, lethal removal, non-lethal depredation prevention measures, and issuance of 21 lethal take permits to livestock producers (19 initial permits, 2 of which were renewed due to continued livestock conflict). Twenty-seven wolves were killed in response to livestock conflicts; 13 in agency-directed lethal control actions, 13 under authority of lethal take permits, and 1 in defense of private property (Figure 5 and 15; Tables 1, 2 and 5).

Table 5. Confirmed wolf-livestock conflicts and wolves killed in conflict control actions in the WTGMA and Seasonal WTGMA by calendar year.

Livestock	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cattle	38	15	26	41	46	44	60	81	141	87	55	48	51
Sheep	16	40	1	0	69	19	3	36	47	22	7	0	12
Dogs	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Horses/Other	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	10
Livestock killed/injured	54	56	28	41	119	66	63	118	188	110	64	50	74
Wolves killed	32	26	32	32	26	25	29	25	89	46	39	12	27

Compensation for Livestock Damage Caused by Wolves: In 2020, the Wyoming Game and Fish Department paid \$152,860 to compensate 20 livestock producers for livestock killed or injured by wolves in the WTGMA and Seasonal WTGMA (Figure 19). Compensation payments declined from >\$300,000 from 2014-2017 to <\$170,000 from 2018-2020, mirroring synchronous declines in conflict between wolves and livestock following removal of Endangered Species Act protections in 2017 (Figures 15 and 19). Compensation payments have consistently remained lower under Wyoming Game and Fish Department management from 2018-2020 (Figures 2, 15 and 19; Table 5).

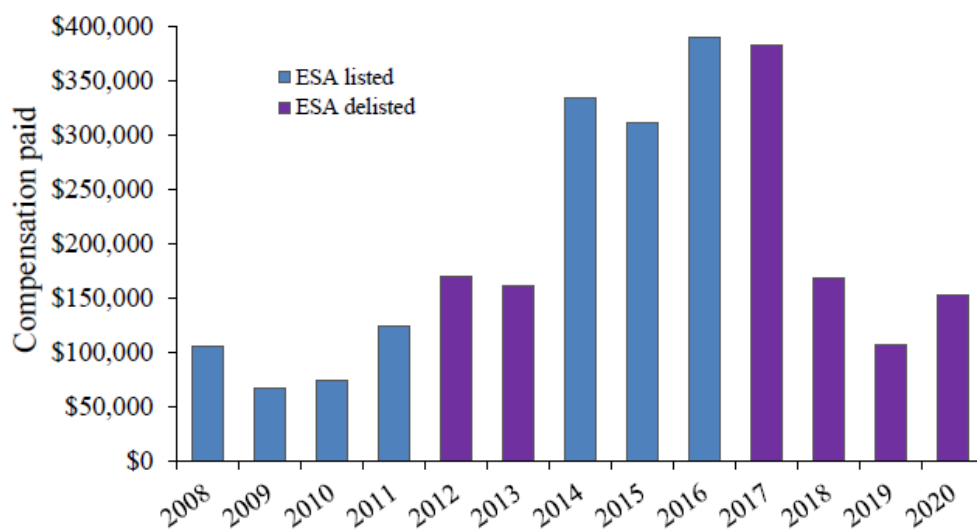


Figure 19. Compensation paid for confirmed livestock damage caused by wolves in the WTGMA (all years) and Seasonal WTGMA (from 2012-2020) by calendar year.

On Fri, Sep 30, 2022 at 2:54 PM Alt, Nicole <Nicole_Alt@fws.gov> wrote:

My apologies. Please disregard the attachments on the previous message. This message includes the attachments as copies.

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Dear Cooperating Agencies,

As discussed on our September 28, 2022 call, attached for your review is the first internal administrative draft EIS for the 10(j) rulemaking for the Colorado Gray Wolf reintroduction. Please provide your comments, and any supporting data you feel relevant, **by end of day Friday October 7, 2022.**

To facilitate your review and answer any questions, we have a call scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 2pm.

We appreciate you using the attached comment matrix for your comments to allow us to consolidate and document responses in a timely manner.

This document is being provided only to cooperating agencies with a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). As such, and following the MOU, please keep this internal draft document

confidential as the content and analysis are preliminary and may change based on your input or comments prior to the official release of the DEIS for public review.

Thank you for your support in this effort, we look forward to your feedback. Please contact either myself or Kurt Broderdorp (kurt_broderdorp@fws.gov) if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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